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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIA UNDECIDED ON PAKISTAN CONFERENCE

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[1](#)B. B) CANBERRA 1205

[1](#)1. (SBU) GOA remains uncertain whether it will be able to attend a Pakistan donors conference at the Foreign Minister level, and on what sort of commitment it could make. DFAT Pakistan Director Lisa Rice-Madan reiterated that the uncertainty about the details of the conference (now including its timing and location) make it difficult to make a firm recommendation and get an answer from the FM, although Australia is concerned about Pakistan and interested in participating.

[1](#)2. (SBU) In reftel B, post forwarded several other questions from the GOA concerning this proposed conference. If we can provide more details, post believes this will help GOA reach a quicker answer.

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